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PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND ANNOTATIONS

Note by the Executive Secretary

I. INTRODUCTION

1. Arrangements have been made for the fourteenth session of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) to be held at the Hotel Maritim, Bonn, Germany in the period from 16 to 27 July 2001. The SBSTA session is scheduled to be opened by the Chairman at 4 p.m. on Monday, 16 July. Most of the work of the session will be done on 16 and 17 July, before the formal resumption of the sixth session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 6, part two) on 18 July. Outstanding business will be taken up in the week of 23 July.

2. To allow delegations to focus on the important political tasks of the resumed COP 6, the provisional agenda for the fourteenth session of the SBSTA has been kept to a minimum. It includes progress reports on activities since the thirteenth session of the SBSTA. Most substantive items have been left for consideration at the fifteenth session of the SBSTA. However, provision has also been made for the SBSTA to take up any items referred to it by the Conference of the Parties at the second part of its sixth session.

3. Parties may wish to note that the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) will brief delegates on the Third Assessment Report during the first week of the session.

II. PROVISIONAL AGENDA

4. The provisional agenda for the fourteenth session of the SBSTA, proposed after consultation with the Chairman, is as follows:

1. Opening of the session.

2. Organizational matters:

(a) Adoption of the agenda;

(b) Organization of the work of the session;

(c) Election of officers other than the Chairman.

3. Reports on inter-sessional activities:

(a) Emissions resulting from fuel used in international transportation;

(b) Methods and tools to evaluate impacts and adaptation;

(c) Issues related to emissions from forest harvesting and wood products;

(d) Progress related to a technology information system;

(e) Article 6 of the Convention: Education, training and public awareness.

4. Scientific and methodological aspects of the proposal by Brazil.

5. "Best practices" in policies and measures among Parties included in Annex I to the Convention.

6. Cooperation with relevant international organizations.

7. Any matters referred by the Conference of the Parties to the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice.

8. Report on the session.

III. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Opening of the session

5. The fourteenth session of the SBSTA is scheduled to be opened by the Chairman at 4 p.m. on Monday, 16 July 2001.

2. Organizational matters

(a) Adoption of the agenda

6. The provisional agenda for the fourteenth session of the SBSTA will be presented for adoption.

(b) Organization of the work of the session

7. Parties are invited to refer to the annotated agenda of the COP for information on the general schedule. Parties may further wish to consult the Daily Programme, published prior to and during the session, for a more detailed and updated schedule of work of the SBSTA.

(c) Election of officers

8. Pursuant to Rule 27 of the draft rules of procedure being applied, the SBSTA is expected to elect its own Vice-Chairman and Rapporteur. The Chairman of the SBSTA will undertake consultations with the Coordinators of the regional groups with a view to electing the other officers. Early agreement on the nominations by the regional groups will enable the SBSTA to elect the remaining officers and to continue its substantive work in an efficient manner. The current officers of the SBSTA will remain in office until their successors are elected. Parties may wish to take note of the election of the current Rapporteur of the SBSTA to the Bureau of COP 6.

3. Reports on inter-sessional activities

9. The Chairman of the SBSTA or the secretariat, as appropriate, will provide information on the activities below. In view of the limited time at this session, it is suggested that discussion of these take place at the fifteenth session of the SBSTA in Marrakesh.

(a) Emissions resulting from fuel used in international transportation

10. **Background:** Article 2.2 of the Kyoto Protocol states that the Parties included in Annex I shall pursue the limitation or reduction of emissions of greenhouse gases not controlled by the Montreal Protocol from aviation and marine bunker fuels, working through the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) and the International Maritime Organization (IMO), respectively.

11. At the eleventh session, the SBSTA stressed the need to enhance further the cooperation between ICAO, IMO and UNFCCC, and invited ICAO and IMO to continue to provide the SBSTA with regular progress reports (FCCC/SBSTA/1999/14, para. 56 (a)).

12. **Action:** The SBSTA may wish to take note of information provided by the secretariat as contained in document FCCC/SBSTA/2001/INF.1 and any further information that may be provided by ICAO and IMO at the session.

(b) Methods and tools to evaluate impacts and adaptation

13. **Background:** At the first part of its thirteenth session, the SBSTA requested the secretariat to organize a workshop with participation of experts from the IPCC and the user community, after acceptance of the IPCC Third Assessment Report. The workshop should explore:

(a) The experience of developing countries in applying current impact and adaptation methodologies and their emerging needs;

(b) The current state of the art of methods identified in the IPCC Third Assessment Report, and how these apply to the specific circumstances of developing countries;

(c) Options for improving the quality and dissemination of information on impact and adaptation methodologies.

14. At the same session, the SBSTA invited Parties to actively participate in, and provide support for, the workshop, and invited the secretariat to provide information on the results of the workshop at its fourteenth session (FCCC/SBSTA/2000/10, para. 47).

15. In response to the above request the secretariat has organized a workshop from 11 to 14 June 2001 at St. Adèle, Canada. The workshop will be conducted back-to-back with a UNDP-GEF technical workshop and in cooperation with Environment Canada. Information related to the workshop can be found on the UNFCCC web site.[1] Due to the short time available between the workshop and the fourteenth session of the SBSTA, information on the workshop will be made available only during the session in document FCCC/SBSTA/2001/INF.4.

16. **Action:** The SBSTA may wish to take note of information provided by the secretariat as contained in document FCCC/SBSTA/2001/INF.4. The SBSTA may wish to invite submissions from Parties on the issues identified in the report for consideration at its fifteenth session.

(c) Issues related to emissions from forest harvesting and wood products

17. **Background:** The SBSTA, at its eleventh session, invited Parties to submit, by 15 March 2001, their views on approaches for estimating and accounting for emissions of carbon dioxide from forest harvesting and wood products, taking into account the report of the IPCC meeting of experts on that subject held in Dakar, Senegal, from 5 to 6 May 1998, for compilation into a miscellaneous document and consideration by the SBSTA at its fourteenth session (FCCC/SBSTA/1999/14, para. 69).

18. The secretariat received ten such submissions which are contained in document FCCC/SBSTA/2001/MISC.1. A workshop on this issue was organized by the Government of New Zealand from 12 to 16 February in Rotorua, New Zealand.

19. **Action:** The SBSTA may wish to take note of information contained in document FCCC/SBSTA/2001/MISC.1 and determine, at the fifteenth session of the SBSTA, what additional activities, if any, should be undertaken.

(d) Progress related to a technology information system

20. **Background:** At its first session, the Conference of the Parties requested the secretariat to collect information from relevant sources from, *inter alia*, the Commission on Sustainable Development, United Nations agencies, the IPCC and the SBSTA, and to prepare an inventory and assessment of environmentally sound and economically viable technologies and know-how conducive to mitigating, and adapting to, climate change (FCCC/CP/1995/7/Add.1, decision 13/CP.1, para. 1 (b)). At the same session, the COP requested the secretariat to update the above information at regular intervals for consideration by the COP at each of its sessions.

21. At its fourth session, the COP requested the secretariat to continue its work on the synthesis and dissemination of information on environmentally sound technologies and know-how conducive to mitigating, and adapting to, climate change.

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1 www.unfccc.int/sessions/010611/index.html

22. At its twelfth session, the SBSTA took note of the progress made on the development of the technology web pages of the secretariat and on a pilot project on a technology cooperation project inventory, including both mitigation and adaptation technologies. The SBSTA invited the secretariat to make further information available on its web site (FCCC/SBSTA/2000/5, para. 52 (f-g)).

23. In response to the above request, the secretariat has continued its activities related to a technology information system and will present a brief progress report at the session.

24. **Action:** The SBSTA may wish to take note of information provided by the secretariat with a view to providing further guidance on this issue at its fifteenth session.

(e) Article 6 of the Convention: Education, training and public awareness

25. **Background:** The SBSTA, at its twelfth session, requested the secretariat to put Article 6 on the agenda of its fourteenth session and where appropriate at subsequent sessions. It noted that work at the national and international levels has been undertaken by Parties, intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations, and that the lessons learned, including information products, should be compiled and shared, and priority areas identified (FCCC/SBSTA/2000/5, para. 64 (b) and (c)).

26. The secretariat is compiling information provided by Parties for consideration at the fifteenth session of the SBSTA. The information will include a summary of the activities and experiences of Parties and possible future activities. The secretariat will provide a brief report on its activities in this area.

27. **Action:** The SBSTA may wish to take note of information provided by the secretariat.

4. Scientific and methodological aspects of the proposal by Brazil

28. **Background:** The SBSTA, at its eleventh session, took note of the information provided by the delegation of Brazil on its proposal, including a revised version of the methodology originally proposed in document FCCC/AGBM/1997/MISC.1/Add.3. The SBSTA requested the secretariat to coordinate a review of this proposal by experts selected from the roster of experts, drawing also upon experts from the IPCC, to be completed in time for its fourteenth session. It requested the secretariat to make the information provided by the experts available on its Web site (FCCC/SBSTA/1999/14, para. 63).

29. In response to the above mandate, the secretariat organized a meeting of experts in Bonn, Germany, from 28 to 30 May 2001, to identify scientific and methodological aspects of the proposal by Brazil. Information related to the proposal can be found on the UNFCCC Web site.[2]

30. **Action:** The SBSTA may wish to take note of information provided by the Chairman and as contained in document FCCC/SBSTA/2001/INF.2 and to determine what additional activities, if any, should be undertaken.

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[2] http://www.unfccc.int/issues/brazil.html

5. "Best practices" in policies and measures among Parties included in Annex I to the Convention

31. The Conference of the Parties, at the first part of its sixth session, requested the secretariat to organize a workshop on "Good practices in policies and measures among Parties included in Annex I to the Convention", referred to in paragraph 7 of the draft decision[3] on this matter submitted to the Conference by the President (for the conclusions of the COP, see FCCC/CP/2000/5/Add.2, section III.F, para. 9; for the text of the draft decision, see Part Three of the report, FCCC/CP/2000/5/Add.3 (vol. IV)). The COP requested the SBSTA to outline the terms of reference for the workshop at its fourteenth session, based on submissions of Parties, by 31 March 2001.

32. The secretariat received three such submissions which are contained in document FCCC/SBSTA/2001/MISC.2.

33. **Action:** The SBSTA may wish to consider the information contained in document FCCC/SBSTA/2001/MISC.2 with a view to developing the terms of reference for the forthcoming workshop.[4]

6. Cooperation with relevant international organizations

(a) Convention on Biological Diversity

34. **Background:** The Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) made available a discussion note to the SBSTA at the second part of its thirteenth session on the interaction between climate change and biological diversity.[5] The SBSTA took note of the information and invited Parties to submit views on the discussion note to the secretariat by 1 March 2001. The secretariat received four such submissions which are contained in document FCCC/SBSTA/2001/MISC.3.

35. The Subsidiary Body for Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA) of the CBD, at its sixth meeting, agreed, among other conclusions, to establish an ad hoc technical expert group to undertake a pilot assessment on issues relating to interaction between climate change and biological diversity. It invited relevant inter-governmental organizations and other relevant organizations, including the UNFCCC, to contribute to this assessment. It further invited the IPCC to contribute by preparing a technical paper and by identifying experts (UNEP/CBD/COP/6/3, paras. 5-9).[6] The SBSTTA urged the Executive Secretary of the CBD, in consultation with the secretariat of the UNFCCC, to explore the formation of a joint liaison group between the Bureau members of the relevant subsidiary bodies of the UNFCCC and the CBD, and their respective secretariats. The complete text of the SBSTTA conclusions and other information is contained in document FCCC/SBSTA/2001/INF.3.

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[3] In the context of this draft decision, the term "good practice" replaces "best practice".

[4] Parties may also wish to refer to FCCC/SBSTA/1999/8, which contains information on the approach to a previous workshop on this subject held in Copenhagen from 11 to 13 April 2000.

[5] UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/6/11, Annex I.

[6] Recommendation VI/7.

36. **Action**: The SBSTA may wish to take note of information contained in document FCCC/SBSTA/2001/MISC.3 and to provide guidance on issues identified in document FCCC/SBSTA/2001/INF.3.

(b) United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification

37. The secretariat of the UNFCCC and the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) are, as far as is feasible, attempting to participate in meetings of relevance to each convention. In this regard, the secretariat of the UNFCCC accepted an invitation from the secretariat of UNCCD to participate in a UNCCD National Forum on Combating Desertification and Synergistic Implementation of Inter-linked Multilateral Environmental Conventions, to be held in Ulan Bator, Mongolia, from 18 to 20 June 2001. The UNCCD secretariat participated at a UNFCCC workshop to develop draft guidelines for national adaptation programmes of action for the least developed countries, held in Kampala, Uganda from 25 to 27 May 2001. Lessons learned from the process of preparation of CCD-National Action Plans (NAPs) were explored in the context of developing national adaptation programmes of action.

(c) Other organizations

38. The secretariat anticipates that other international organizations such as the Global Climate Observing System (GCOS) and the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) may provide brief reports on relevant issues.

39. **Action:** The SBSTA may wish to take note of information provided by other organizations.

7. Any matters referred by the Conference of the Parties to the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice

40. Any matters referred by the COP at the second part of its sixth session to the SBSTA for consideration at its fourteenth session will be taken up under this item.

8. Report on the session

41. The SBSTA may wish to adopt conclusions and authorize the Rapporteur to complete the report after the session under the guidance of the Chairman and with the assistance of the secretariat. Subject to the availability of sufficient time for their translation, conclusions will be made available in all official languages.

42. Parties might wish to note that due to the short period between the fourteenth and the fifteenth session of the SBSTA, there is a likelihood of delay in the availability of some documents in all six official languages of the United Nations prior to the meeting.

Annex I

DOCUMENTS BEFORE THE SUBSIDIARY BODY FOR SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL ADVICE AT ITS FOURTEENTH SESSION

Documents prepared for the session

FCCC/SBSTA/2000/14	Report of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice on the second part of its thirteenth session, The Hague, 13-18 November 2000
FCCC/SBSTA/2001/1	Provisional agenda and annotations. Note by the Executive Secretary
FCCC/SBSTA/2001/INF.1	Reports on inter-sessional activities. Emissions resulting from fuel used for international transportation
FCCC/SBSTA/2001/INF.2	Scientific and methodological aspects of the proposal by Brazil. Report of the workshop
FCCC/SBSTA/2001/INF.3	Cooperation with relevant international organizations. Issues related to the Convention on Biological Diversity
FCCC/SBSTA/2001/INF.4	Reports on inter-sessional activities. UNFCCC/IPCC workshop on impacts and adaptation methodologies
FCCC/SBSTA/2001/MISC.1	Reports on inter-sessional activities. Issues related to emissions from forest harvesting and wood products. Submissions from Parties
FCCC/SBSTA/2001/MISC.2	"Best practices" in policies and measures among Parties included in Annex I to the Convention. Submissions from Parties
FCCC/SBSTA/2001/MISC.3	Cooperation with relevant international organizations. Issues related to the Convention on Biological Diversity. Submissions from Parties

Other documents for the session

FCCC/CP/2000/5 and Adds. 1-3 (vols. I-V)	Report of the Conference of the Parties on the first part of its sixth session, held at The Hague from 13 to 25 November 2000
FCCC/SBSTA/2000/10	Report of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice on the first part of its thirteenth session, Lyon, 11-15 September 2000
FCCC/TP/2001/1	Comparison of greenhouse gas emission projections

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